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In re Application of Paul J. Caronia, et al.

Application No. 10/583,227 Filed: June 16, 2006

Attorney Docket No. 63847A US

ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed January 4, 2008, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, July 2, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 3, 2007. On January 4, 2008, the present petition was filed. A Notice of Abandonment was subsequently mailed on January 14, 2008.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1,050 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on January 4, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

It is noted that the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1796 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment received January 4, 2008.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.

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